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TAGS: PORG, MARR, IS, LE, NI

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN CONTRIBUTION TO UNIFIL

REF: SECTO 04061 (NOTAL)

1. UN SECRETARIAT CONFIRMED ON APRIL 17 THAT FMG HAS
ACCEPTED UN REQUEST TO PROVIDE CONTINGENT OF AROUND
600 MEN FOR UNIFIL. AS TO GARBA'S SPECIFIC QUESTIONS
ON AIRLIFT AND REIMBURSEMENT, UN SECRETARIAT EXPRESSED
HOPE THAT U.S. WOULD PROVIDE AIRLIFT (UN WILL HOWEVER
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ASK OTHERS, NAMELY UK BEFORE MAKING FORMAL REQUEST TO
U.S.) AND ASSURED THAT UN WOULD REIMBURSE TROOP
CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES. FYI, ON REIMBURSEMENT, RATE
REQUESTED IN UNIFIL BUDGET IS \$680.00 PER MAN PER
MONTH WITH ADDITIONAL \$200.00 STIPEND FOR "SPECIALISTS."
END FYI. IN FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THIS QUESTION WE
SUGGEST EMBASSY DRAW ON STATE 97544 TO POINT UP

DESIRABILITY FOR TROOP CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES TO EXERT
THEIR INFLUENCE TO OBTAIN BROAD SUPPORT FOR ACTION ON
UNIFIL FINANCING AT UPCOMING SPECIAL UNGA SESSION.
EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT IF US PROVIDES AIRLIFT,
IT WILL BE ON NON-REIMBURSABLE BASIS.

2. UN HAS ASKED NIGERIAN MILITARY ATTACHE FROM WASH
EMBASSY TO VISIT UNNY IMMEDIATELY TO BEGIN PLANNING
FOR AN EARLY AIRLIFT. UNNY ALSO PLANS TO REQUEST
A SPECIAL PLANNING TEAM FROM LAGOS TO COME TO NEW YORK
TO WORK OUT DETAILS OF TRANSPORT, EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS
AND LOGISTICS. EMBASSY LAGOS CAN BE HELPFUL IN PRESSING
FMG ON DISPATCH OF THIS PLANNING GROUP. LEONARD

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